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1. SUMMARY: THIS IS THE THIRD AND LAST MESSAGE REPORTING THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 2-6 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS (REFS A AND B) THE MINISTERS APPROVED THE COMMISSON'S PROPOSALS FOR THE MOST PART AND INCREASED 1976/77 FARM SUPPORT PRICES BY AN AVERAGE 7.5 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THEY CHANGED THE GREEN RATES FOR MANY MEMBER STATES,WHICH WILL RESULT IN VARYING SUPPORT PRICE INCREASES AND REDUCED MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS.

THE COMMISSON'S PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE INTERVENTION SYSTEM FOR QUALITY AND FEED WHEAT WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE 1977/78

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SEASON. THE REGIONALIZATION OF SOFT WHEAT INTERVENTION PRICES IS

DISCONTINUED. THE COUNCIL HAS POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER TAKING A DECISION ON APPLYING FINANCIAL DISINCENTIVES TO DAIRY PRODUCTION BUT INTENDS TO APPLY SUCH DISINCENTIVES FOR 1977/78. COMMUNITY DAIRY FOOD AID IS INCREASED FROM 55,000 TO 200,000 M.T OF SKIM MILK POWDER FOR 1976. THE BEEF PREMIUM WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR 1976/77. THE FRENCH WILL REMOVE THEIR BORDER TAX ON ITALIAN WINE ON APRIL 1 SINCE MEASURES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED TO SOAK UP SURPLUSES IN THE SHORT AND MEDIUM-RUN THE MEASURES APPROVED BY THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL WILL NECESSITATE A SUPPLEMENTARY FARM BUDGET FOR 1976. END SUMMARY.

2 IN CHARACTERISTIC BROUHAHA AND AFTER MANY LONG HOURS, WHICH ARE NOW THE TRADEMARK OF EC FARM PRICE-FIXING MARATHONS, THE EC COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS APPROVED AT 3 O'CLOCK SATURDAY MORNING A COMPROMISED PACKAGE THAT, TO QUOTE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, "WILL SATISFY NO ONE." THE QUESTIONS BEFORE THE MINISTERS INVOLVED NOT ONLY THE NUMBER OF PERCENTAGE POINTS BY WHICH PRICES SHOULD BE RAISED BUT ALSO POLITICAL CHOICES REGARDING WHETHER THE SYSTEM SHOULD CONTINUE TO INTERVENE TO SUPPORT CERTAIN KINDS OF FARM PRODUCTION, WHAT MARKET DISCIPLINE, IF ANY, SHOULD BE IMPOSED, HOW TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUSES, AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT REGIONALIZATION OF MARKET SUPPORT. THE CONSIDERATIONS, THOUGH LONG-STANDING, APPEARED MORE ACUTE THIS TIME AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF INCREASING VIOLENCE AMONG WINE PRODUCERS IN SOUTHERN FRANCE AND A MAMMOTH NON-FAT DRY MILK MOUNTAIN THAT IS GROWING ALMOST UNCONTROLLABLY.

3. THE DECISIONS REACHED BY THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL REFLECT TO A LARGE PART THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION. THE PRICE INCREASES FOR THE NEW MARKETING SEASON WILL BE AN AVERAGE 7.5 PERCENT ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION'S CALCULATION. THIS FIGURE, HOWEVER, REFLECTS A SUBJECTIVE WEIGHTING BY THE COMMISSION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PRODUCT SECTORS AND ALSO HIDES PRICE INCREASE DISPARITIES AMONG MEMBER STATES DUE TO MONETARY ADJUSTMENTS. THE NATIONAL AVERAGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	PERCENT OF FARM PRICE INCREASES IN NATIONAL CURRENCIES	PERCENT OF FARM PRICE INCREASES IN UNITS OF ACCOUNT
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GERMANY	4.8	7.7
FRANCE	6.2	7.7

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LUXEMBOURG	6.9	7.5
NETHERLANDS	7.1	7.6
BELGIUM	7.1	7.7
DENMARK	7.8	7.8
U.K.	7.9	7.9
IRELAND	9.9	7.8
ITALY	12.9	6.9

'OMITTING ACCESSION TRANSITION

THE PRICE INCREASES FOR THE U.K. AND IRELAND IN TERMS OF NATIONAL CURRENCIES WOULD BE AROUND 15.3 PERCENT AND 12 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR NEXT STEP TOWARDS ALIGNMENT TO COMMON EC PRICES.

4. AGRI- MONETARY. THE COMMISSION HAD PROPOSED CERTAIN REDUCTIONS IN THE LEVEL OF MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS THROUGH CHANGES IN THE GREEN RATES WITH THE GOAL OF BRINGING ABOUT CLOSER ALIGNMENT OF SUPPORT PRICES AND REDUCING BARRIERS AND SUBSIDIES IN INTRA-EC TRADE. THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING REDUCED MCA'S AND NEW GREEN RATES (PREVIOUS MCA'S AND RATES IN EFFECT ARE SHOWN IN PARENTHESES):.

MCA'S (PERCENTAGE) GREEN RATES

GERMANY	7.5 (10)	1 U.A.; 3.48 DM(3.58 DM)
BENELUX	1.4 (2)	1 U.A. ; 3.40 HFL; 49.35 FB/FL 3.42 HFL; 49.6 FB/FL)
FRANCE	0 (0)	1 U.A.; 5.55FF (5.63 FF)
DENMARK	0 (0)	1 U.A.; 7.58 DK (7.58 DK)
IRELAND	5.2 (7.2) 1/	1 U.A.; .589 IRISH POUNDS (.578 IRISH POUNDS)
U.K.	13.1 (13.1) 1/	1 U.A. ; .569 BR POUND (.569 BR POUND)
ITALY	3.1 (9.1) 1/	1 U.A.; 905 LIRA (857 LIRA)

1/ THE MCA'S ARE FLUCTUATING IN IRELAND, U.K. AND ITALY. THE MCA RATES SHOWN IN PARENTHESES ARE THOSE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT. FOR IRELAND AND ITALY, THE APPLICABLE MCA'S ARE TO BE REDUCED BY 2 PERCENT AND 6 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY.

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5. FOR THE DEPRECIATING CURRENCIES OF IRELAND, U.K. AND ITALY, THE MARGIN NOT COVERED BY MCA'S INCREASES FROM 1.25 PERCENT TO 1.5 PERCENT. MCA'S HAVE THE EFFECT OF AN IMPORT CHARGE AND AN EXPORT SUBSIDY FOR GERMANY AND THE BENELUX AND REPRESENT AN EXPORT CHARGE AND IMPORT SUBSIDY FOR IRELAND, THE U.K. AND ITALY.

6. THE NEW GREEN RATES WILL APPLY BY AND LARGE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MARKETING SEASON FOR EACH COMMODITY.

7. DAIRY. THE COUNCIL APPROVED A TWO- STAGE INCREASE FOR THE MILK TARGET PRICE WITH A HIGHER INCREASE OF 4.5 PERCENT TAKING EFFECT MARCH 15, AND ANOTHER INCREASE OF 3 PERCENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 16. THE COMMISSION HAD PROPOSED A TWO-STAGE INCREASE OF 2 PERCENT AND 4.5 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY.

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8. THE INTERVENTION PRICES FOR BUTTER AND CHEESE WILL BE FIXED
ON THE BASIS OF THE MILK TARGET PRICES INCREASES.

9. THE COUNCIL DID NOT ACCEPT THE COMMISSON'S PROPOSAL TO TENDER
FOR THE INTERVENTION PRICE OF NON-FAT DRY MILK WITHIN A FORK OF
94 TO 10 2PERCENT OF THE GUIDE PRICE.HOWEVER,THE INTERVENTION PRICE
FOR NON-FAT DRY MILK POWDER WILL BE FIXED ACCORDING TO THE NORMAL
CALCULATION ON THE BASIS OF THE MILK TARGET PRICE,BUT THE
RESULTING FIGURE WILL BE REDUCED BY 2 PERCENT SIMILARLY,ON SEPTEMBER
16,THE FIGURE WILL BE REDUCED BY 1PERCENT.

10. THE CONCIL HAS INVITED THE COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR
A SYSTEM OF "FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION FOR MILK PRODUCERS" TO
BE DECIDED ON BY THE COUNCIL BEFORE SEPTEMBER -, 1976 FOR EFFECT
DURING THE 1977/78 SEASON.THE COMMISSION IS TO CONSULT WITH EC
PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS WHEN DRAFTING ITS PROPOSALS IT IS CURRENTLY
THINKING IN TERMS OF HAVING A LEVY APPLY TO PRODUCERS FOR MILK
DELIVERIES TO DAIRIES OVER A CERTAINMINIMUM QUANTITY. THE
RECEIPTS FROM THE LEVY WOULD TO INTO A COMMON FUND THAT WOULD HELP
FINANCE THE DISPOSAL OF DAIRY SURPLUSES LARDINOIS SAID HE
IS DISAPPOINTED THAT SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL DISINCENTIVE COULD

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NOT BE WORKED OUT FOR THIS YEAR BUT IS OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WILL APPLY THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

11. THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE SCHEME FOR JON-FAT DRY MILK FOR ANIMAL FEED AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION BUT REDUCED THE AMOUNT FROM 600,000 METRIC TONS TO 400,000 METRIC TONS (REFA). WHILE PRESENTING THE SCHEME AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, LARDINOIS STATED THAT TRADERS SHOULDN'T BE MISLED INTO THINKING THAT THERE ARE LOOPHOLES IN THE SCHEME THAT WOULD PERMIT THEM TO CHALLENGE ITS LEGALITY SUCCESSFULLY. THE SCHEME IS COMPLETELY DEFENSIBLE ACCORDING TO COMMUNITY LAW, HE SAID.

12. THE 1975/76 COMMUNITY FOOD AID PROGRAM COVERING NFDI IS INCREASED FROM 55,000 METRIC TONS TO 200,000 METRIC TONS. THE EXISTING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECT SALE OF 100,000 METRIC TONS OF INTERVENTION SKIM MILK POWDER TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT 25 PERCENT OF INTERVENTION SKIM MILK POWDER TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT 25 PERCENT OF THE EC INTERVENTION PRICE, WILL BE REPEALED AS OF APRIL 1 (REF.D).

13. THE SUBSIDY FOR LIQUID SKIM MILK INCORPORATED INTO ANIMAL FEED WILL BE DECIDED UPON BY THE COMMISSION THROUGH ITS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PROCEDURE, BUT THE COUNCIL DIDN'T OBJECT THE COMMISSION'S INTENTION TO INCREASE THE SUBSIDY AMOUNT TO 4.8 U.A./100 KG. THE SUBSIDY FOR SKIM MILK POWDER INCORPORATED INTO ANIMAL FEED WILL BE FIXED WITHIN A RANGE OF 33 - 43 U.A./100 KG. THE COMMISSION WILL SET A MINIMUM RATE OF 60-65 PERCENT INCORPORATION OF SKIM MILK POWDER IN CALF FEEDING IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUBSIDY.

14. THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS TO SUBSIDIZE WHOLE MILK POWDER AND TO RENDER OPTIONAL THE SUBSIDIZING OF PRIVATE STORAGE OF BUTTER ARE WITHDRAWN.

15. A COUNCIL DECISION ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE THE PREMIUMS FOR WITHHOLDING MILK DELIVERIES HAS BEEN POSTPONED, AND WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE JULY 31, 1976.

16. THE PRESENT CONSUMER SUBSIDY ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUTTER ARE EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 30. AFTER THAT TIME, THE MAXIMUM EEOA CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CONSUMER SUBSIDY ON BUTTER WILL

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RISE FROM 9.25 TO 16.25 U.A./100 KG AND THE TOTAL SUBSIDY

PERMITTED WILL RISE FROM 45 TO 50 U.A./100 KG THE COMMISSION WILL STUDY THE QUESTION OF CONTINUED SALE OF BUTTER AT REDUCED PRICES TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF CONSUMERS (SOCIAL BUTTER AND,IF NECESSARYWILL SUBMIT PROPOSALS BY JUNE -, 1976. FEOGA WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL SCHOOL MILK PROGRAMS.

17. GRAINS THE COMMISSON'S PROPOSAL TO ALIGN THE INTERVENTIN PRICE OF FEED WHEAT TO A LEVEL CORRESPNDING TO THE PRICE OF OTHER FEEDGRAINS AND TO INTRODUCE OPTIONAL INTERVENTION FOR QUALITY WHEAT N THE BASIS OF A HIGHER REFERENCE PRICE WERE NOT APPROVED FOR THIS COMING MARKETING SEASON, BUT WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT IN 1977/78. FOR THE COMING SEASN,THE INTERVENTION PRICE OF FEED WHEAT WILLBE 15 U.A. PER METRIC TON LESS THAN THE INTERVENTION PRICE OF QUALITY WHEAT. THE REGIONALIZATION OF INTERVENTION PRICES FOR SOFT WHEAT WILL BE ENDED BREAD-MAKING QUALITY RYE WILL RECEIVE A BONUS OF 3 U./A./ METRIC TON AT INTERVENTION. A SUBSIDY OF 50 U.A./ PER HECTARE WILL APPLY TO DURUM WHEAT IN ALL AREAS INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF MOUNTAIN AND HILL FARMING AND FARMING IN DISADVANTAGED AREAS.(DURUM SUBSIDIES,UP UNTIL NOW,HAVE BEEN GRANTED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY AT A STANDARD PER METRIC TON RATE.) AT ITALIAN INSISTENCE,THIS LIST OF ELIGIBLE REGIONS FOR THE DURUM WHEAT SUBSIDY WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT LEAST UNTIL THE 1978/79 MARKETING YEAR.

18. THE PRODUCTION SUBSIDY FOR STARCH PRODUCTS WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ITS PRESENT LEVEL. THERE WILL BE A SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURE,TO BE DECIDED BEFORE JULY 1,TO COMPENSATE IN PART FOR THE INCREASE IN THE CORN PRICE.

19. BEEF MEASURES TO RENDER THE EC INTERVENTION ARRANGEMENTS MORE FLEXIBLE WERE APPROVED FOR THE COMING MARKETING YEAR. IF THE MARKET PRICE IN A REGION IS 95 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE GUIDEV PRICE FOR A PERIOD TO BE DETERMINED (E.G., 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS) THE COMMISSON MAY DECIDE TO SUSPEND INTERVENTION BUYING IN THAT REGON TOTALLY OR IN PART. THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO ADAPT THE COEFFICIENTS USED FOR ESTABLISHING INTERVENTION PRICES.

20. THE BEEF SLAUGHTER PREMIUMS REPRESENTED THE SINE QUA NON UNCLASSIFIED

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OF UK DEMANDS AND ARE RETAINED FOR THE 1976/77 MARKETING YEAR WITH CERTAINFINANCIAL LIMITATIONS THE VARIABLE PREMIUM CANNOT EXCEED 45 U.A PER GROWN HEAD AND MUST BE DETERMINED IN SUCH A WAY SO THAT THE MARKET PRICE RECORDED IN THE MEMBER STATE CONCERNED PLUS THE PREMIM AMOUNT GRANTED DO NOT TOGETHER EXCEED EITHER 85 PERCENT OF THE GUIDE PRICE ON THE AVERAGE OR AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT 88 PERCENT OF THE GUIDE PRICE A MEMBER STATE WHICH APPLIES PREMIUMS MUST REDUCE ITS INTERVENTIN

BUYING PRICES BY THE AMOUNT OF THE PREMIUM.FEOGA WILL
FINANCE 25 PERCENT OF THE PREMIMS GRANTED FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO
THE END OF THE 1976/77 SEASON. THE PREMIUM FOR THE BIRTH OF
CALVES WILL BE RETAINED FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR THE BENEFIT
OF ITALY WITH A FEOGA CONTRIBUTION OF 28 U.A.
PER CALF. THE COMMISSION MUST REPORT TO THE COUNCIL BEFORE
NOVEMBER 1 ON THE RESPECTIVE MERITS OF INTERVENTION AND
PREMIUM ARRANGEMENTS.

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21. SUGAR ALL OC THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS IN THIS SECTOR
WERE ADOPTED. QUOTA "BA" SUGAR IS REDUCED FROM 45 PERCENT TO 35
PERCENT OF THE BASIC OR "A" QUOTA. THE PRODUCTION LEVY APPLICABLE
TO QUOTE "B" SUGAR IS 30 PERCENT THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM EC STOCK
OF 10 PERCENT ANNUAL PRODUCTION.

22. FRUITS AND VEGETABLES THE GRUBBING PREMIUM IS SET AT
1,100 U.A./HA FOR STARKLING DELICIOUS,IMPERATORE AND
GOLDEN DELICIOUS APPLES,AND PASS CRASSANE PEARS. THE
FEOGA CONTRINUTION IS FIXED AT 50 PERCENT. THE PENETRATION PREMIA
FOR ORANGES,MANDARINES AND CLEMENTINES ARE INCREASED 8 PERCENT AS
COMPARED TO LAST YAER. THE PENETRATION PREMIUM FOR LEMONS IS
RETAINED FOR THE NEXT SEASON AND ITS AMOUNT IS ALSO INCREASED

8 PERCENT.

23. REGIONAL AID THE FEOGA CONTRIBUTION FOR HILL FARMING IN IRELAND AND ITALY IS INCREASED FROM 25 PERCENT TO 35 PERCENT.

24. WINE THE COUNCIL HAD TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM PROBLEMS OF WINE SURPLUSES. THE MINISTERS CAME UP WITH AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF MEASURES THAT APPEARS TO SATISFY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FRENCH THAT THEY WILL NO LONGER BE THREATENED BY CHEAP ITALIAN WINE ACCORDINGLY,THE FRENCH HAVE STATED THAT THEY WILL REMOVE THEIR BORDER TAX ON ITALIAN WINE BY APRIL 1. (A RULING BY THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE IS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK ON THE LEGALITY OF THIS MEASURE UNDER THE ROME TREATY.)

25. TO CLEAR UP CURRENT SURPLUSES IMMEDIATELY A SPECIAL PROGRAM WILL BE INSTITUTED TO DISTILL 4 MILLION HECTOLITRES AT A BUYING-IN PRICE OF 1.4 U.A PER DEGREE PER HECTOLITRE. THE PROGRAM IS TO LAST FOUR MONTHS BEGINNING MARCH 15.

26. IN THE MEDIUM-TERM,THE EC WILL ADOPT MEASURES AIMED AT LIMITING THE COMMUNITY'S WINE- GROWING POTENTIAL. FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 1976 - NOVEMBER 30, 1978,NO NEW PLANTINGS WILL BE ALLOWED,WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS FOR QUALITY WINES, FOR COUNTRIES PRODUCING LESS THAN 5.000 HECTOLITRES PER YEAR, AND FOR PLANTING INTHE CONTEXT OF MODERNIZATON. REPLANTINGS MUST BE DONE USING PREFERRED VARIETIES BUT DEROGATIONS ARE POSSIBLE A SUBSIDY WILL BE GRANTED FOR RECONVERTING VINEYARDS TO TOHER LURPOSES DURING 1976/77 THROUGH 1978/79. THE LEVEL OF THE SUBSIDY WILL BE 1,000U.A FOR VINEYARDS OF LOW PRODUCUTIVITY, AND 1,500 U.A PER HECTARE FOR VINEYARDS OF AVERAGE PRODUCUTIVITY. THESE SUBSIDIES WILLBE REDUCED BY 100 U.A FOR THE 1977/78 SEASON AND BY 200 U.A FOR 1978/79. THE FEOGA CONTRIBUTION WILL BE FIXED AT 50 PERCENT.

27. THE COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE INTERVENTION SYSTEM FOR WINE INCLUDING OPTIONAL PREVENTIVE DISTILLATION AT 68 PERCENT OF THE GUIDE PRICE FOR THE 1976 HARVEST,65 PERCENT DURING 1977, 60 PERCENT DURING 1978 AND 55 PERCENT FOR THE FOLLOWING HARVESTS. TABLE WINES OF AN ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH LESS THAN 9.5 DEGREES CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS PREVENTIVE DISTILLATION AND NO OTHER INTERVENTION MEASURES ADDITIONAL MEASURES CAN ALSO BE ADOPTED AT THE END OF THE MARKETING YEAR SUCH AS STORAGE,OR REMOVAL FROM STORAGE AND DISTILLATON,IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE MARKET PRICES AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN THE ACTIVATING OR TRIGGER PRICE.

28. THE COUNCIL ADOPTED A SERIES OF MEASURES AIMED AT

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF EC WINES.THESE INCLUDED
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RAISING THE ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH OF WINES IN CERTAIN ("C") ZONES
BY 0.5 PERCENT AND FIXING THE MINIMUM ACTUAL ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH
OF TABLE WINES AT 9 DEGREES (8.5 DEGREES FOR ZONES "A" AND "B").
THE MINIMUM NATURAL ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH OF QUALITY WINES IS
INCREASED BY 0.5 DEGREES. THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MARKETING OF
WINES WITH AN ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH OF LESS THAN 9 DEGREES WINES
MADE FROM TABLE GRAPES OTHER THAN THOSE GROWN UNDER GLASS CANNOT
BE MARKETED THERE IS A BAN ON THE GROWING OF CERTAIN MEDIOCRE
VINE VARIETIES BY 1983 AND OF CERTAIN HYBRID VARIETIES BY 1979.

29. THE UK AND IRELAND CAN CONTINUE TO IMPORT GRAPE MUSTS AND
JUICE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1978 WITHOUT RESPECTING THE EC REFERENCE
PRICE. THE NEW MEMBER STATES WILL ALIGN THEIR CXT ON THESE
PRODUCTS BEFORE JULY 1, 1976.

30 BUDGET THE COMMISSION EXPECTS THAT THE APPROVED 1976/77
FARM SUPPORT PACKAGE WILL NECESSITATE A SUPPLEMENTAR BUDGET
FOR 1976. (FOR EXAMPLE,THE COMMISSION ESTIMATES THAT INCREASING
THE FOOD AID PROGRAM FOR SKIMMED MILK POWDER TO 200,000 M.T
WILL COST AN ADDITIONAL 93 MILLION U.A.)WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHAT
THE TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET COSTS WILL BE.
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